



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6779

January Session, 2005

* _____HB06779ET_____032205_____*

**AN ACT CONCERNING ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS OF
NATURAL GAS COMPETITION IN THE STATE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) On or before July 1, 2005,
2 the Department of Public Utility Control, in consultation with the
3 Office of Consumer Counsel, shall study the status of natural gas
4 competition in the state. Such report shall examine and analyze factors
5 associated with the competitive gas market place, including, but not
6 limited to, (1) the number of gas suppliers providing gas service to
7 customers in the state; (2) the number of gas suppliers actively
8 marketing to new customers in the state; (3) the number of customers
9 receiving gas service from competitive gas suppliers; (4) the existence
10 of certain barriers to market entry and expansion by the state's gas
11 suppliers; (5) the status of gas competition in other jurisdictions; (6)
12 any information that may serve to assess the success of the state's
13 current competitive gas marketplace; and (7) any other factors the
14 department may consider relevant. Such report shall also include
15 recommendations on what, if any, policy changes may need to be
16 instituted to enhance development of the state's competitive gas
17 market. In conducting said proceeding, the department shall solicit the
18 participation and input of a broad array of industry participants and
19 other stakeholders. Not later than January 1, 2006, the department
20 shall submit a copy of its report, in accordance with the provisions of

21 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of
22 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy
23 and public utilities.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the first sentence, "initiate an uncontested proceeding to develop a report assessing" was changed to "study" for clarity.

ET *Joint Favorable Subst.*